

the trials and the joys of an arduous task, the divisions and the reconciliations, the disappointment of the defeat of a personal conviction and the triumph of having it prevail, the subjection of personal interest to the greater good of all, the deep satisfaction of having done that which was our best and that which was right, and, above all, the sense of having made a contribution to the future of the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Convention that there be preserved among its records a suitable resolution recognizing those exceptional qualities of mind and character with which our President is endowed, which have contributed in such full measure to the completion of its work and to our great satisfaction in having participated in it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Constitutional Convention of Maryland does hereby record its gratitude to its President, the Honorable H. Vernon Eney, for the impartiality, understanding and parliamentary skill with which he has presided over its sessions; its great respect for the tremendous learning, scholarship and knowledge of governmental processes he has displayed, its admiration for his tireless devotion, fidelity, and single-minded pursuit of excellence; and its undying regard because of his unfailing equilibrium and patience, his tact and wisdom in the settlement of controversial issues, and, most especially, for those qualities of absolute integrity, personal and intellectual honesty, and respect for every individual, which have characterized his conduct throughout this Convention; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as a token of our esteem and affection for him, that the delegates, individually, do herewith present to the Honorable H. Vernon Eney, President of the Convention, an original of the Great Mace of the Convention, which was used during the conduct of its deliberations and is hereby declared to be an official Mace of the Convention, as a symbol of his authority over and dedication to this great work, in the hope that it may serve as a reminder of his unparalleled services in the cause to which he has been so devoted and of the highest personal regard in which he is held by his fellow delegates.

I move the adoption of this resolution.

HONORARY PRESIDENT TAWES:
Do I hear a second?

(Whereupon, the motion was duly seconded.)

HONORARY PRESIDENT TAWES:
The resolution has been regularly moved and seconded. May we express a unanimous vote of this resolution by all standing, please?

(The delegates rose and applauded.)

HONORARY PRESIDENT TAWES:
We have just a few more presentations to make, and then we will return the distinguished President back to his rostrum.

One of our distinguished delegates has had made and appropriately engraved by having an engraved plate attached to these gavels. These have been made by a blind working craftsman who finds a haven in this type of work as a lifelong interest. Nicholas Lalley has made these gavels for the officers and the chairmen of the various committees of this Convention.

I am going to ask Delegate Clarke and President Eney if they will assist in making these presentations.

Mr. President.

(A gavel was presented to the Honorable H. Vernon Eney, President of the Maryland Constitutional Convention.)

(Applause.)

HONORARY PRESIDENT TAWES:
Mr. Finch will not make a speech on each one of these presentations because it would take too long, but if each of the recipients wants to say a word of thanks to Delegate Finch, I am sure that it would be appropriate to do so.

Vice-President James Clark.

(A gavel was presented to the Honorable James Clark, Vice-President of the Maryland Constitutional Convention.)

(Applause.)

DELEGATE J. CLARK: Thank you very much.

HONORARY PRESIDENT TAWES:
This is typical of Delegate Finch. When he does anything, he does it in a big way.

(Applause.)

I think Delegate Finch should be up here. The delegates here know exactly what I mean. If he had a computer in his home every night he would go out and grind out 100 more proposals and then the next night a hundred more statements.